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SUBJ: LIBYAN NOTE ON US PLANE

LIBYAN MISSION TO UN CIRCULATED TO ALL UN MISSIONS COPY  
OF STATEMENT REGARDING USN AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS ATTACKED BY  
LIBYAN PLANES. NOTE DOES NOT EXPLICITLY STATE THAT IT WAS  
IN REPLY TO US PROTEST. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF NOTE WHICH  
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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMENENT MISSIONS  
AND TO THE OFFICES OF THE PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

WHILE WE CATEGORICALLY REJECT THE AMERICAN PROTEST, WE WOULD  
LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING FACTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
AND TO THE PEACE AND FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD:

THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA CONSTITUTES  
A PERPETUAL AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA.

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ESPIONAGE AND RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN THE PROXIMITY OF THEIR  
SHORES CARRIED OUT BY THE SIXTH FLEET, ITS AIR AND NAVAL UNITS,

CONSTITUTE AGGRESSION AGAINST US, SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND A LATENT DEFIANCE TO OUR NATIONAL FEELINGS. AMERICAN ESPIONAGE AND ELECTRONIC RECONNAISSANCE HAVE VIOLATED THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC'S TERRITORIAL WATERS ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS.

THIS PARTICULAR ENCOUNTER WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT AMERICAN ESPIONAGE AIRCRAFT HAD VIOLATED THE TERRITORIAL SPACE OF SMALL COUNTRIES. IN EVERY INCIDENT, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HID AND DENIED ITS ACTION UNTIL IT WAS UNMASKED IN SO MANY AREAS WHEN ITS AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN.

WHEN THE UNITED STATES FELT THE WEIGHT OF ITS CRIME AND BECAME CONVINCED THAT THE AIRPLANES OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC WHICH WERE TRAINING IN THEIR OWN TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE HAD NOTICED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ESPIONAGE PLANES, THE UNITED STATES FABRICATED THIS STORY AND CLAIMED THAT THE LIBYAN AIRPLANES HAD FIRED ON ITS AIRCRAFT. THE AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE AND ESPIONAGE PLANE WAS IN THE AIRSPACE OF OUR TERRITORIAL WATERS. THIS EXPOSES OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY TO DANGER AND TRANSGRESSION.

THE PLANES THAT WERE TRAINING IN OUR AIRSPACE REQUESTED THE RECONNAISSANCE PLANE TO LAND AND SIGNED IT IN THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED MANNER. IT OPTED TO RUN AWAY. THIS POSES MANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MISSION AND TASK OF THIS AIRPLANE WHICH VIOLATED THE AIRSPACE OF OUR TERRITORIAL WATERS. IT IS INDEED INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT MODERN FIGHTER PLANES FIRE AT SUCH A LARGE AND SLOW PLANE AND MISS IT. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR PLANES DID NOT IN FACT FIRE AT THE RECONNAISSANCE PLANE. WE ONLY ASKED IT TO IDENTIFY ITSELF AND TO LAND.

FACED WITH THESE FACTS, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO MISLEAD AND DECEIVE THE WORLD OR ITSELF WHEN, TO COVER UP ITS AGGRESSIVE ACTION, IT HASTILY PROCLAIMED THAT ITS PLANE WAS A CARGO PLANE IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE AND THAT

IT WAS FIRED UPON BY OUR PLANES.

WE APPEAL TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO PUT AN END TO SUCH AMERICAN VIOLATIONS AND TO ITS CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE SMALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONS THROUGH THE USE OF ITS NAVAL AND AIR UNITS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE NOT AMONG THE SUBJECT PEOPLES THAT THE UNITED STATES FEELS THAT IT SHOULD PROTECT. FREE PEOPLES ARE NOT IN NEED OF AMERICAN PROTECTION. WHAT THEY DO NEED IS FOR AMERICA TO TERMINATE ITS CONTINUOUS THREATS AND VIOLATIONS OF THEIR SANCTITY, WATERS AND AIRSPACE. AMERICA, IN ITS SPYING AGAINST US, IN ITS VIOLATION OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY

AND IN ITS FABRICATIONS, SEEKS JUSTIFICATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND FROM THE FREEDOM AND JUSTICE LOVING PEOPLES TO ASSAULT US.

THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC PROTESTS THEIR IRRESPONSIBLE, AGGRESSIVE ACTION AND WARNS THE UNITED STATES OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF FUTURE REPETITIONS WHICH ENDANGER OUR SECURITY. WE RESERVE OUR RIGHT TO FIRE AT ANY AIRPLANE WHICH VIOLATES OUR AIRSPACE OR TERRITORIAL WATERS.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PERMANENT MISSIONS AND TO THE OFFICES OF THE PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQTE. SCHAUFEL

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